

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21251

Safety for all users of Idaho's roadways is critical. When passing a non-motorized vehicle and/or mode of transportation, prudent motorists will provide a safe separation. However, some do not. To enable law enforcement to protect non-motorized modes of transportation, this legislation requires (when possible and safe) that motor vehicles provide a three-foot distance on the left when passing a pedestrian, bicyclist, or other human or animal powered vehicle (including wheelchairs). To adequately reflect road conditions, if it is not safe for the motorist to provide this three-foot safe separation, an exemption would be allowable.

The obligation for due care when operating a motor vehicle on Idaho roads (Idaho Code 69-615) is fully maintained. To avoid allowing non-motorized users to obstruct our roads, the legislation also requires pedestrians, bicyclists, or other human or animal powered vehicles (including wheelchairs) to move to the side of the road to allow motorists to pass when obstructing the passage of three or more motor vehicles. This is the same requirement for motor vehicles as per Idaho Code, Section 49-639.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

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